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SUBJECT: RABIN TELEVISION INTERVIEW OCTOBER 14

1. PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAT FOR INTERVIEW OCTOBER 14 ON
POPULAR EVENING TELEVISION PROGRAM. SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW
DEALT PRIMARILY WITH DOMESTIC ISSUES. FOLLOWING
ARE HIGHLIGHTS(TEXT SENT VIA FBIS TA 150555.)

2. RABIN SAID THERE IS AN AFFINITY" BETWEEN POLITICAL
AND SECURITY PROBLEMS ON ONE HAND AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS ON THE OTHER. ISRAEL MUST DEAL WITH BOTH AREAS
IN PARALLEL," WITH THE EMPHASIS AND THE ALLOCATION OF
RESOURCES SHIFTING FROM TIME TO TIME FROM SPHERE TO
SPHERE."

3. ASKED FOR HIS VIEW OF DOMESTIC PRIORITIES, ASSUMING
ISRAEL CAN IN FACT COUNT ON A PERIOD OF RELATIVE QUIET
ON HER BORDERS, RABIN LISTED THREE AREAS:(A) EXPANSION
OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS;(B) TRANSFER OF MANPOWER AND
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RESOURCES FROM SERVICES SECTOR TO PRODUCTION; AND (C)

REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

4. ON SYRIA RABIN SAW ASSAD'S RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW AS HAVING "STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FIRST ORDER" AND AS BEING RELATED TO "REASSESSMENTS" BEING MADE BY BOTH SYRIA AND THE SOVIET UNION IN WAKE OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT USSR MUST SOON DETERMINE ITS POSITION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE UNEF MANDATE FOR ONE YEAR. AS FOR SYRIA, HE VIEWS DAMASCUS AS FACING THREE ALTERNATIVES: FIRST, TO NEGOTIATE, OF WHICH THERE IS NO INDICATION OF READINESS; SECOND, TO EXERCISE MILITARY OPTION IN THE FORM OF DISRUPTING THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, THEREBY FORCING EGYPT INTO TAKING STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE AGAINST ITS BETTER JUDGMENT; OR THIRDLY, TO WAIT PATIENTLY FOR BETTER POLITICAL OR MILITARY POSSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE

5. ON LEBANON. ASKED IF HE COULD ENVISAGE A SITUATION IN WHICH ISRAEL WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN LEBANON, RABIN REPLIED QUOTE...ISRAEL HAS AN INTEREST IN THE EXISTENCE OF LEBANON AS IT IS, (THAT IS) IN THE EXISTING POLITICAL FORMAT AND INTERNAL ALIGNMENT. ANY ATTEMPT TO CONQUER LEBANON WOULD CREATE A SITUATION WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ISRAEL'S SECURITY. END QUOTE

6. ON U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. RABIN RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS TO QUESTION CONCERNING OPPOSITION ARGUMENTS THAT U.S. COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL, ARISING FROM NEGOTIATION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT, ARE NOT BINDING: QUOTE: I HAVE NOT COME ACROSS ANY CASE, IN ALL OUR LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES, IN WHICH A DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED BY THE EXECUTIVE ARM. THEREFORE, IN MY EYES, THE SIGNATURE OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE IS BINDING. AND I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY. END QUOTE.
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